

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: Blue Mountain House Inventory Number: F-6-095  
Address: 7021 Blue Mountain Road City: Thurmont Zip Code: 21788  
County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Catoctin Furnace  
Owner: Paul Woldboldt Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 391 Tax Map Number: 25 Tax Account ID Number: 326212  
Project: Sprint Telecommunications Facility Agency: FCC  
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property is located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district), Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in  
Section 106 survey for a proposed FCC-licensed undertaking.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This property is a 1½-story frame house located south of Blue Mountain Road. The house is a side-gabled rectangular building constructed on a concrete block foundation. There is a front entry porch in the north façade. The porch roof is supported by four battered wood posts on brick piers. The north façade has three bays with symmetrical fenestration (central door). There is a rear one-story shed roof addition (enclosed porch) and an external gable end (west) concrete block chimney. The building has 1/1 double-hung sash windows and is clad by vinyl siding; the roof is clad by composition shingles. In addition to the house, there is one bay garage with a shed roof and attached gable-front building in the rear (south) of the house.

According to the MIHP form completed for this property in 1991, "This house is typical of the other dwellings in the community. Like the other buildings, it shows elements of the bungalow influence, particularly with the integrated front porch. It has experienced alterations such as siding and window replacements seen throughout the community." {Shipe 1991: 7.1}

The "Blue Mountain House" appears to have been constructed after 1924 and before 1943. {USGS 1924; USGS 1943} The house likely was built while it was owned by Charles E. and Glenna M. Eyler, who purchased the property in 1938. The Eylers owned the property until 1972 when Charles (by then a widower) sold it to Robert E. and Donna M. Gernand. In 2000, the house was purchased by Paul Woldboldt.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None  
MHT Comments

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

6/10/03  
6/20/03  
Date

Date

NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Blue Mountain House

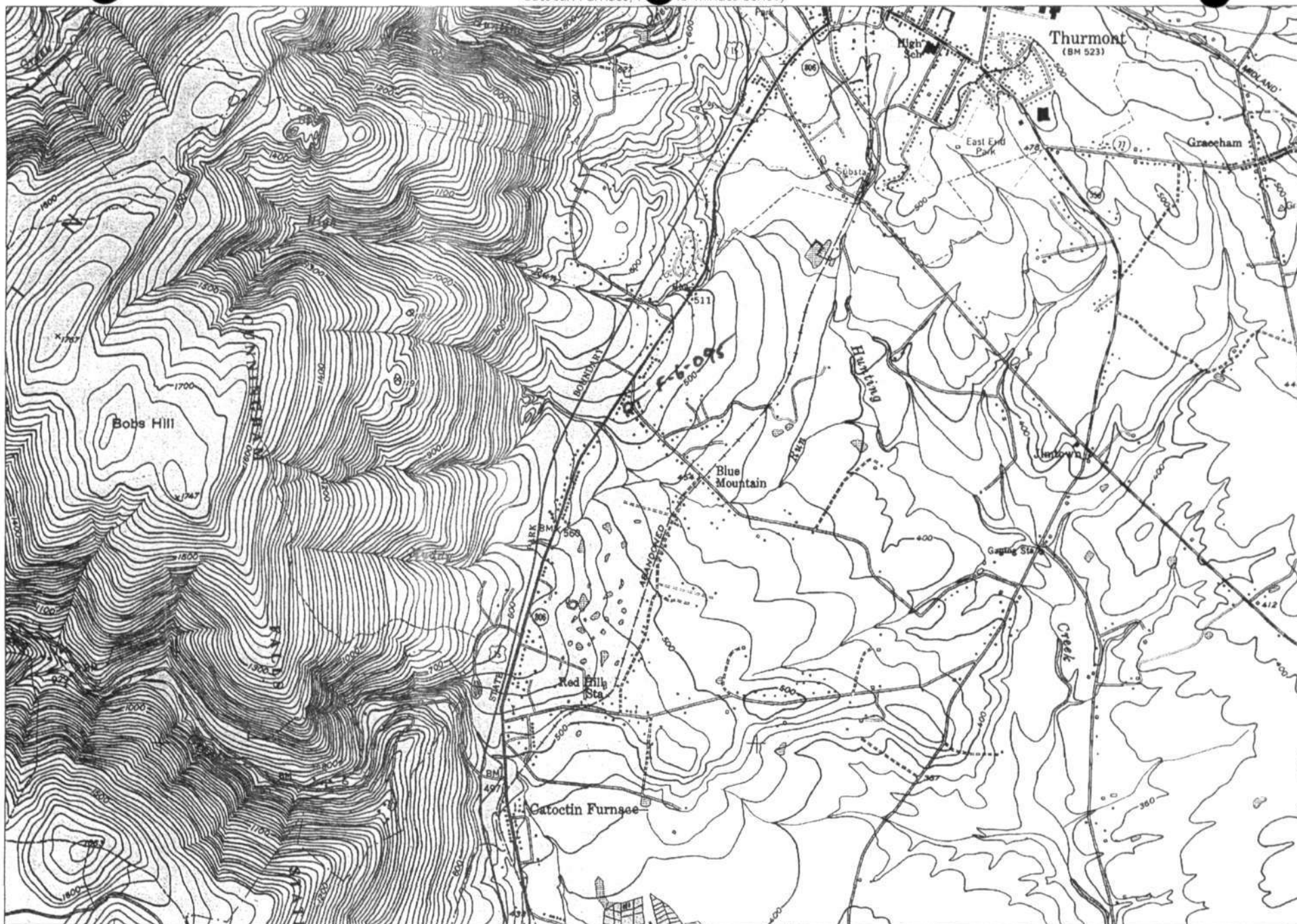
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The property, when it was surveyed in 1991, was selected because it was "typical" of the buildings in the locality and was described as heavily "altered." This property is an unremarkable example of mid-twentieth century vernacular architecture that lacks individual distinction. In addition to lacking individual distinction, the property has diminished integrity of materials (replacement windows, vinyl siding, roof) and design (addition). This property does not appear to have any associative significance (Criteria B) nor does appear to have individual distinction as an architectural resource (Criteria C) and does not appear to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 5/1/2003



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Blue Mountain House  
Frederick Co., MD  
D.S. Potenstein  
May 2003  
MD SHPO  
House: north facade

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Blue Mountain House  
Frederick Co., MD  
D.S. Rotenstein  
May 2003  
MD SHPD

House: North facade

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Blue Mountain House  
Frederick Co., MD  
D.S. Rotenstein  
May 2003  
MD SHPO

House: oblique view, north  
and west facades

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Blue Mountain House  
Frederick Co., MD  
D.S. Rotenstein  
May 2003  
MD SHPO

House: oblique view, west  
and south facades

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Blue Mountain House

Frederick Co, MD

D.S. Rotenstein

May 2003

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Garage, view to the  
South.

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Blue Mountain House  
Thurmont  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,  
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.  
Modern

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/garage

Known Design Source: None

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Ca. 1940

Blue Mountain House

Thurmont vicinity

Private

The Blue Mountain House represents the type of building seen in Blue Mountain, a small community located at Blue Mountain Road and Catoctin Furnace Road. It is a small dwelling house with elements of the bungalow and cottage influences. A concentration of approximately twenty buildings similar to the Blue Mountain House evolved in the early twentieth century into the mid-twentieth century. These buildings may be connected to middle-class vacation or retirement housing of that period with modest scales based on vernacular designs.



**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF**  
**HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. F-6-95

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Blue Mountain House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 7021 Blue Mountain Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Thurmont ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David E. & Alma M. Gernand

street & number 7021 Blue Mountain Road telephone no.:

city, town Thurmont state and zip code MD 21788

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 894

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 633

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-6-95

### Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

(Typed on separate sheet)

## 8. Significance

Survey No. F-6-95

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

(Typed on separate sheet)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-6-95

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.

Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.

Williams, T.J.C. History of Frederick County, Maryland, L.R. Titworth Co., 1910.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .59 acresQuadrangle name Catoctin Furnace MD QuadrangleQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 25, Parcel 391

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
301-514-7600

### 7.1 Description:

A small community dating from the early twentieth century is clustered around the intersection of Blue Mountain Road and Catoclin Furnace Road. This intersection is located equidistant from Thurmont and Catoclin Furnace in the Catoclin Mountains. The community includes approximately twenty small dwelling houses with the majority being bungalows and cottages. They are situated on the south and north sides of Blue Mountain Road and on the east side of Catoclin Furnace Road. The focal point of the community is a commercial building (circa 1930) located at the corner of the two roads.

The buildings range in size from one to one & one-half stories with an average width of three bays. Most of the buildings are of frame construction, sided with various materials including stucco, aluminum siding, german siding, and brick veneer. They are similar to one another in form and plan; some are identical.

One building that exemplifies the Blue Mountain community is located at 7021 Blue Mountain Road, facing north. Built circa 1940, this one story frame building is sheathed in vinyl siding and rests on a concrete foundation. The gable roof of composition shingling runs east to west. There is a exterior concrete chimney on the west gable end. A one story garage is located to the south of the house.

The main (north) elevation has three bays with a center door. Windows are 1/1. A full facade porch is integrated into the roofline and has square columns. The south elevation has a vinyl-sided, enclosed porch with a shed roof that covers the facade. The west gable end has three 1/1 window openings. The east gable end has two 1/1 windows and one 1/1 attic window.

The garage is sheathed in asphalt shingling. The tar-papered roofline is partly gable and partly flat. The main facade, facing north, shows two sections: a gable-front section with a 2/2 window and a door opening and a garage section with a door opening.

This house is typical of the other dwellings in the community. Like the other buildings, it shows elements of the bungalow influence particularly with the integrated front porch. It has experienced alterations such as siding and window replacements seen throughout the community. Its fair to average condition is also representative of the other buildings in Blue Mountain.

### 8.1 Significance:

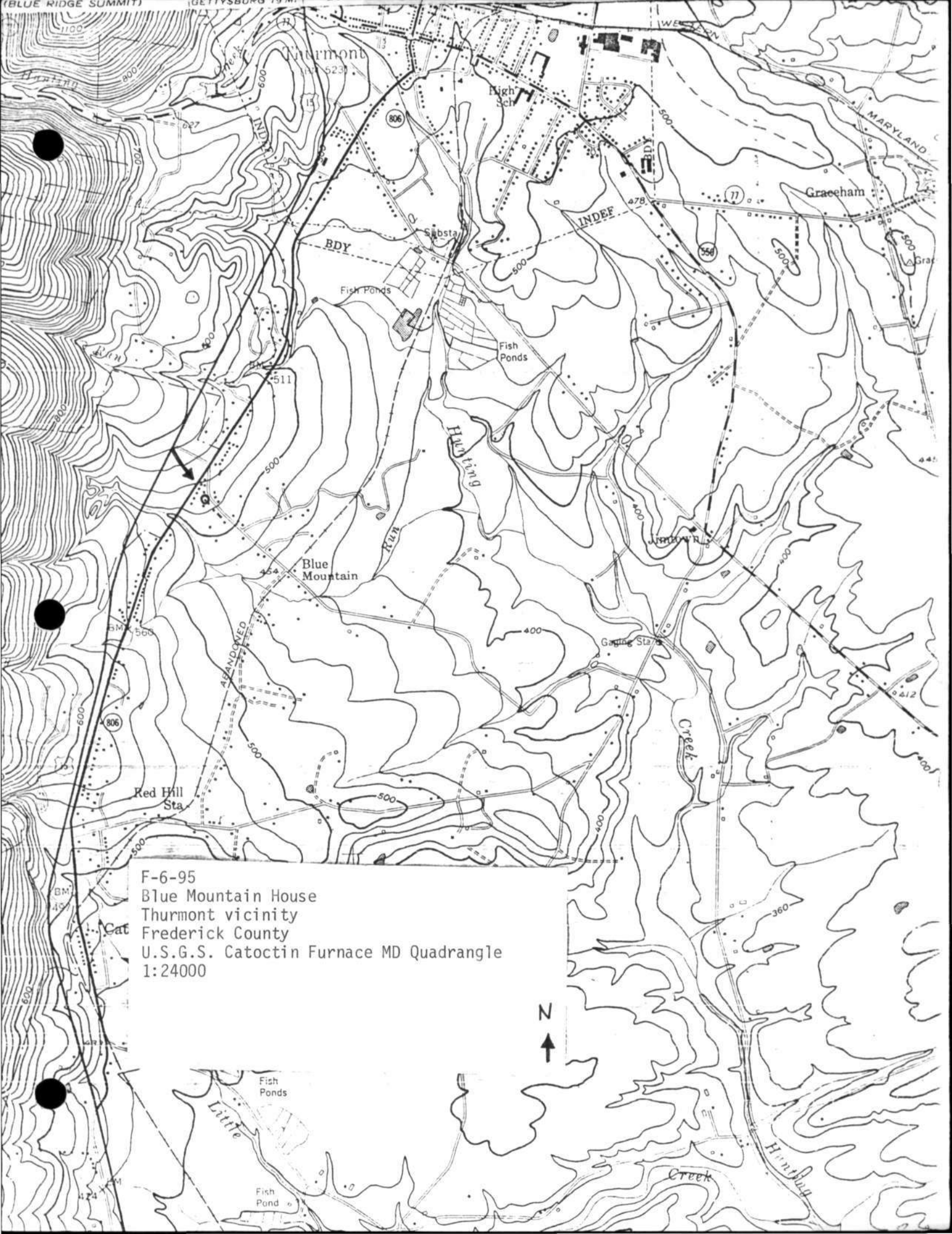
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Compared to the other buildings within the Blue Mountain community, this house has a typical level of integrity and demonstrates the average condition. Other housing communities similar to Blue Mountain are evident in the towns of Thurmont and Emmitsburg as twentieth century subdivisions.

The community at Blue Mountain developed in the early twentieth century largely because of its location on a major thoroughfare, Catoclin Furnace Road. A commercial building (circa 1930) at the corner of the two intersecting roads indicates the focal point of the community. Its development may have also been influenced by the railroad line that ran from Catoclin Furnace to Thurmont beginning in the late nineteenth century; there was probably a station at Blue Mountain. (The abandoned tracks form the eastern boundary of the present community.)

Mountain vacation homes and retirement communities had become popular by the twentieth century. A community like Blue Mountain provided an affordable opportunity for those with a desire for a retirement or vacation house on a limited income. Buildings in the community were small and inexpensively built and were based on bungalow and cottage designs.





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Blue Mountain House  
Thurmont vicinity  
Frederick County  
U.S.G.S. Catoctin Furnace MD Quadrangle  
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Blue Mountain House

7021 Blue Mountain Road

Thurmont vicinity

Fredenck County

Photo: MARY K SHIPE

JUNE 1991

Neg. Loc: MHT

Natn elevation

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